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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1753

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 5-20-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]:

Chapter 6. Foreclosure Prevention Counseling and Assistance

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "authority" refers to the Indiana housing and community development authority created by IC 5-20-1-3.

Sec. 2. (a) The authority may establish a program to provide free mortgage foreclosure counseling and education to homeowners who have defaulted on or are in danger of defaulting on the mortgages on their homes.

(b) The authority may enter into an agreement with any public, private, or nonprofit entity to carry out any part of the mortgage foreclosure counseling and education program.

(c) The program may include a central toll free telephone number that homeowners may call to receive mortgage foreclosure counseling and education.

(d) The authority may award grants for the training of counselors who will provide mortgage foreclosure counseling and education.

(e) The authority may establish standards for the certification of counselors who will provide mortgage foreclosure counseling

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and education.

(f) The authority may expend money for the purpose of advertising the mortgage foreclosure counseling and education program and the central toll free telephone number included in the program under subsection (c).

Sec. 3. The authority may solicit contributions and grants from the private sector, nonprofit entities, and the federal government to assist in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 4. (a) The authority shall annually submit a report to the legislative council concerning the following:

(1) The operation of the mortgage foreclosure counseling and education program, if the program is conducted by the authority during the reporting period.

(2) A summary of mortgage foreclosure rates and trends in Indiana and the United States.

(b) The report submitted under this section must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

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